



July 24, 2008

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

*In the matter of Verizon Wireless/Alltel Corporation Transfer of Control Applications, WT
Docket No. 08-95*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

The Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce, representing over 1500 businesses in the Mid-Michigan region, would like to urge the FCC to approve the pending acquisition of Alltel by Verizon Wireless. This transaction would make available to Alltel's Michigan customers the latest technologies, an improved selection of calling plans and the benefits of a nationwide network.

Alltel currently has a market in 34 states include 57 rural markets not served by Verizon Wireless. The two companies' networks are good geographic and technologic complements. Lansing, home of the State Capitol, is a region that is thriving in strong development and forward-thinking ideas. The Mid-Michigan region certainly understands the need for investment and improvement of services for our strong technology sectors. The pending Verizon Wireless-Alltel transaction is an example of this principle of advancement and economic improvement and it clearly places Alltel's customers on a path to the next generation of wireless services.

In addition, Verizon has a long track record of annually investing billions of dollars in its wireless network. With this merger, Alltel's customers would be able to join Verizon and enjoy the most advanced technologies and opportunities in the market. One example of this opportunity is their Open Development Initiative, where entrepreneurs may create new devices for use on the company's network. This transaction will also stimulate investment in broadband deployment and adoption, a big win for the citizens of Mid-Michigan.

It is our hope that the commission will give this transaction every consideration. If you should have any questions or comments, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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